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For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR STEGANOGRAPHIC
EMBEDDING OF META-
DATA**

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following Amendment and Remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action dated November 30, 2004. Applicants believe the amendments provided herein place the claims in condition for allowance.

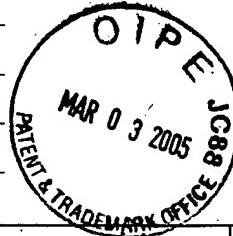
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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TITLE OF INVENTION Method and Apparatus for Steganographic Embedding of Meta-Data			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith is the Response to Office Action dated November 30, 2004.

- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
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- A request for a ____-month extension of time is enclosed.
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